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Newport, R. I.

Nov 28th 1884

To

Hon W<sup>m</sup> C. Chandler,  
Secretary of the Navy

Sir:

About four weeks ago (Oct. 28.) I had the honor to address the Department on the subject of the detail of officers as instructors at the Naval College; the application being made in accordance with the plan of organization recommended by the board, after mature deliberation.

I learn now, <sup>incidentally</sup> that the Department disapproves of that portion of the report which calls for the detail of an Army officer as instructor in Military Science.

If this information is correct the change will <sup>defeat</sup> neutralize one of the most important of the <sup>training</sup> ~~principles~~ <sup>of the board</sup> of the Curriculum the principal objects, ~~and establish~~ <sup>by the College viz:</sup> a comprehensive course of study of the



Art and Science of War by a method  
never before undertaken in any language;  
but the Excellence of which has ~~been~~  
~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> acknowledged by <sup>nearly</sup> ~~every~~  
~~English~~ ~~Commander~~ ~~itself~~ ~~to~~ ~~every~~ ~~one~~  
who has given it an impartial examina-  
tion.

I Earnestly trust, therefore, that  
before making an adverse decision  
on the question, the Department will  
grant its advocates a hearing.

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
A. B. McClellan  
Commodore, U. S. Navy



This Recommendation, it may be stated, was  
made with a special view to a comprehensive  
course of study in the Art & Science of War,  
by a method which, while it meets with the  
approval of nearly everyone who has  
seen it an impartial ~~and~~ Examination  
will have the merit <sup>of being</sup> ~~of being~~ entirely  
original with our Navy.

Done at B.  
To be set by  
Arthur H. Hall  
of Army Office  
& Ordnance  
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~~If this information is correct it will be~~ <sup>materially</sup>  
~~one of the most important objects the board~~  
~~had in drawing up a comprehensive~~  
~~Course of Study of the Art and Science of War.~~